

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Inquiry into the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019

Ref No: 1

Topic: Consultation

Type of Question: Written

Spoken: Senator O'NEILL

Question:

Are you aware of any discussions the Minister for Health has had in relation to this bill?

Answer:

The Department is not aware of any discussions the Minister for Health may have had in relation to this Bill.

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Inquiry into the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019

Ref No: 2

Topic: Data set

Type of Question: Written

Spoken: Senator O'NEILL

Question:

In relation to the ART data set for collection as proposed by the bill, can you please provide information about any work done by the Department of Health regarding:

- a) The variability of the data, if the data is captured as described?
- b) Any factors not captured by this data?
- c) Clinics potentially excluding clients from their data?
- d) Whether there is a commercial advantage for excluding high risk patients?

Answer:

In the time available, the Department has not conducted any analysis regarding the ART data set for collection as proposed by the bill.

The Department can respond to the Committee with more detail in the coming weeks if the raw data set is made available by the Perinatal Epidemiology and Statistics Unit (NPESU), the data custodian of the Australian & New Zealand Assisted Reproduction Database (ANZARD).